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SUBJECT: YX (7X7) PROJECT

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1. AS RESULT OF THREE-DAY MEETING BETWEEN JAPAN'S CIVIL TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CTDC) AND BOEING WHICH ENDED DEC. 18, BOTH RECONFIRMED BASIC POLICY OF ACCELERATING JOINT WORK FOR DEVELOPMENT OF YA (7X7).

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY REIZO WAKASUGI, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CTDC

AT PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING MEETING.

2. WAKASUGI ALSO REVEALED THAT AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO BEGIN WORKING

LEVEL TALKS EARLY NEXT JANUARY FOR ADJUSTMENT OF "SPECIFIC TASKS"

PRELIMINARY TO SIGNING OF NEW, FINAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING NEXT APRIL.

3. REGARDING PENDING ISSUE OF "EQUVALENCY ADJUSTMENT FEES," NOTHING CONCRETE HAS COME OUT OF LATEST TOKYO MEETING, EXCEPT JAPAN'S BASIC AGREEMENT TO PAY SUCH ADJUSTMENT FEES.

4. CTDC HAS ALREADY SELECTED SEVEN FIRMS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON PARTS AND COMPONENTS. THE SEVEN FIRMS ARE GOING TO SUBMIT THEIR

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FINAL ESTIMATES TO CTDC BY END OF DECEMBER BASED ON SPECIFICATIONS

ISSUED BY CTDC. R&D ITEMS SELECTED FOR YX DEVELOPMENT INCLUDE
HYDRAULIC CONTROLS, LANDING GEAR, SOUND ABSORBING MATERIALS, AND
ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS.

COMMENT: FACT THAT DETAILED R&D PLANS ARE PROGRESSING AT FAIRLY RAPID

RATE INDICATES THAT CTDC EXPECTS TO OBTAIN FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN JFY
1976 BUDGET. PREVIOUS REPORTING HAD POINTED OUT THAT MINISTRY OF
FINANCE
DID NOT APPEAR ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT YX PROSPECTS.
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